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1. A portable and unobtrusive educational apparatus which provides self-paced instruction and which is carried by a person without requiring special accommodation or space, and which may be easily and flexibly manufactured and packaged compactly, comprising the combination of:

a key ring which operatively prevents inadvertent attachment or removal of keys while operatively permitting intentional insertion or removal;

an educational key tag having a means for attaching said tag to said key ring which is operatively prevented from inadvertent attachment or removal while operatively permitted intentional attachment or removal from said key ring, said tag additionally presenting an educational challenge.

10 2. The portable and unobtrusive educational apparatus of claim 1 further comprising an appropriate response to said challenge presented by said tag.

3. The portable and unobtrusive educational apparatus of claim 2 wherein said educational challenge is visible responsive to a first condition and said appropriate response is visible responsive to a second condition and not visible responsive to said first condition.

15 4. The portable and unobtrusive educational apparatus of claim 1 wherein said educational key tag further comprises a reinforced polymeric composition that is both durable and mark resistant.

5. The portable and unobtrusive educational apparatus of claim 1 wherein said educational key tag further comprises a paper and polymer laminate.

6. The portable and unobtrusive educational apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a key attached to said key ring.

7. A method for expanding vocabulary, comprising the steps of:
identifying vocabulary words;
imprinting said identified vocabulary words onto tags;
selecting a one of said imprinted tags;
inserting said selected one imprinted tag onto a key ring adapted to have a key removably attached therewith;
storing said key ring and said inserted, imprinted tag;
retrieving said stored key ring;
stowing said retrieved key ring; and
studying said selected one imprinted tag between said step of retrieving and said step of stowing.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein said step of imprinting comprises the step of printing a single tag on demand.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein said step of storing further comprises storing a key with said key ring.

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